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SUBJECT: ROBERT LECORPS MURDERED

Classified By: Ambassador Janet A. Sanderson, reason 1.4(c) and (d).

11. (U) On April 4, Robert Lecorps, who was arrested (but never charged) in connection with the April 3, 2000 murder of journalist Jean Dominique, was gunned down near his home in Pernier, a suburb of Port-au-Prince. He was shot several times in what appears to be a contract killing. Radio Caraibes FM reported that gunmen murdered Lecorps in a drive-by shooting and that his body remained on the street for hours before being removed. At this point, the police do not have any suspects. Lecorps was killed one day after the seventh anniversary of Dominique's assassination.

12. (C) Even though Lecorps was a businessman, according to numerous newspaper accounts, he had an extensive, implicated association with violence. Lecorps supported the Duvalier regimes and was a member of FRAPH (Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti), an organization with a history of political violence. In addition to being implicated in the Jean Dominique murder, Lecorps was acquitted in 1996 of the October 13, 1993 murder of Guy Malary, then Minister of Justice. Persons arrested for drug trafficking at the airport in New York have implicated Lecorps in their activities. The DEA has also linked him to drug trafficking in Cap Haitien.

13. (C) Based on his sources within the Haitian National Police (HNP), Pierre Esperance (protect), the director of the National Human Rights Defense Network (RNDDH), speculated that corrupt associates of Lecorps within the judicial police (DCPJ) may have killed him over an unpaid debt.
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